
The Bangladesh government has postponed the tour by the Pakistan cricket team because of security concerns following a mutiny by soldiers last month which left more than 70 dead.

From Dhaka, Mark Dummett reports:

The Pakistan cricket team had been due to tour Bangladesh this month, but the government here now believes that following the **revolt** by paramilitary border guards, it **cannot ensure its safety**.

The Sports Minister said that the tour **had been suspended** for **the time being** because **the law enforcement agencies** were busy **hunting the mutineers** who managed to escape. At least 56 senior officers were killed in the mutiny by soldiers of the Bangladesh Rifles. Several hundred are still **on the run** and there are fears some may still have guns.

The army has stepped up security at about a dozen strategic buildings in Dhaka including the official residence of the Prime Minister. The Sports Minister said that it is not possible therefore for the government to provide **foolproof security** to the touring side. The government has also **put on hold** all other tours by foreign sports teams.

The decision is **another blow** to cricket in South Asia. Two weeks ago, the Sri Lankan team was attacked by gunmen on their way to a match in the Pakistani city of Lahore.

Mark Dummett, BBC News, Dhaka

Vocabulary and definitions

revolt	(often violent) action taken by people protesting against authority
cannot ensure its safety	is unable to guarantee the team would not be in danger
had been suspended	had been stopped, but is likely to begin again in the future (similar to ' put on hold ' – see below)
the time being	now
the law enforcement agencies	people responsible for keeping law and order
hunting the mutineers	looking for the people involved with the mutiny (a riot or revolt started by people, especially soldiers or sailors who attempt to take control from people in authority)
on the run	escaping from the police after committing a crime
foolproof security	police and guards to make sure the team were 100% safe
put on hold	stopped for a short time, perhaps to begin again in the future
another blow	a further disappointment

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